

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019

## Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group Draft Final Report 2018/19:

*A review of the impact of loneliness in Carmarthenshire*

### Recommendations / key decisions required:

- To endorse the report and recommendations for further consideration by the Executive Board.

### Reasons:

- At its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018, the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a task and finish group to undertake a review the impact of loneliness in Carmarthenshire.
- The recommendations contained within the report have been formulated by the Group following the consideration of a range of evidence over a series of meetings held between June 2018 and April 2019.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: N/A – This is a Scrutiny Committee Report  
Exec Board Decision Required YES  
Council Decision Required NO

**Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:** Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Social Care & Health)

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### Recommendations (See Section 3 of the full report)

#### Recommendation One - Take a strategic approach to loneliness

Identify a senior officer at a Head of Service level, within the Authority to lead and drive an integrated approach to prevention where community connection and addressing loneliness is a priority. This role would work across all disability and age groups and be integrated in the communities' directorate and will also work closely with children and education.

#### Recommendation Two - Address loneliness as an important shared priority

When the leadership is in place to drive this agenda, an integrated work stream should be developed to implement a practical and joined up plan to improve community connection, thereby delivering the directive from Welsh government.

#### Recommendation Three - Focus on building and supporting community assets

Work with all stakeholders including PSBs to ensure that we maximise all resources. This will include further attention to the community asset transfer approach with the aim of encouraging community activity.

#### Recommendation Four - Directly address barriers to connection

A co-designed action plan should be developed to address barriers to connection.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

**Signed:**        **Linda Rees-Jones**        **Head of Administration & Law**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**Staffing implications**

If adopted, recommendations will need to be progressed by existing staff.

Where additional resources have been recommended, transformational funds have already been secured.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

**Signed:**        **Linda Rees-Jones**        **Head of Administration & Law**

1. Scrutiny Committee – This is a report produced by the Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee.
2. Local Member(s) – Local Members were all asked to provide details of activities in their area aimed at reducing loneliness
3. Community / Town Council – N/A
4. Relevant Partners – YMCA Swansea, Yr Hwb (Llansteffan), 50+ Forum, Feryside Men’s Shed and Carmarthenshire is Kind all addressed the Task & Finish Group during its review.
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – Julia Wilkinson, Sue Smith from the Department for Communities contributed to and supported the work of the Task & Finish Group.

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**See section 5 within the report for full list.**

Task & Finish Group Planning & Scoping Document	<a href="http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=169&amp;MId=1223&amp;Ver=4">http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=169&amp;MId=1223&amp;Ver=4</a>
County Council's Corporate Strategy 2015-2020	<a href="http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/consultation-performance/well-being-objectives-2017-18/#.Ws4iMuaosjY">http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/consultation-performance/well-being-objectives-2017-18/#.Ws4iMuaosjY</a>
Carmarthenshire County Council Well-being objectives	<a href="http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/consultation-performance/well-being-objectives-2017-18/#.Ws4iMuaosjY">http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/consultation-performance/well-being-objectives-2017-18/#.Ws4iMuaosjY</a>
Carmarthenshires Ageing Well Plan	<a href="https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/strategies-and-plans/ageing-well-plan/">https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/strategies-and-plans/ageing-well-plan/</a>